

the 2d, as may be seen in *Alvares, Acoſta, and Mariana, &c.*

On the 17th of *July* we came to an *Indian* town, the inhabitants of which told Mr. *Parmen-tiers*, that at a ſmall diſtance from us there was a large ſhip, in a place where no ſuch thing had ever been ſeen before ; upon which, we inſtantly made the beſt of our way for this ſhip ; but when we came to her, we found in her only a man pretty well in years, who was the Captain, and another in the prime of his youth, the owner and crew being gone a trading.

In the mechanical parts of the mathematicks I never have met with the maſter's equal ; my ſecond mate and my gunner were *Engliſhmen*, and thorough ſeamen ; they had both been made priſoners at *Campeachy*, as likewiſe had been the Captain's ſon ; they reported to me that the ſhip came from *Bos-ton*, the chief town of *New England*.

On the 30th of *July* the owner of the ſhip and all the ſhip's company came on board of me : the Captain of the ſhip, whoſe name was *Shapely*, informing me, that the owner of his ſhip was a very worthy man, and major-general of *Mattechuſetts*, the greateſt colony in all *New England*. I treated him as a perſon to whom ſome regard was due ; ſignifying to him, that though my orders were to make prize of all whom I ſhould meet with, coming in ſearch of a north-weſt or weſt paſſage into the *South ſea*, I was willing to look upon them only as merchants trading with the natives, for ſkins and furs ; and he, as an acknowledgement of this indulgence, made me a preſent of proviſions, doubtleſs on a ſuppoſition that I wanted them ; which gratitude I returned with a diamond ring, but it was with great difficulty I could prevail on this gentleman to accept of it. Captain *Shapely* having many valuable charts and journals ; and ſenſible